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PLANT SOME SHADE TREE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR FALL

DES MOINES - Residential customers of MidAmerican Energy who live in Iowa can reduce future energy use and, at the same time, landscape their homes and green up their communities this fall through *Plant some shade*[®], an expanded residential tree-planting program.

Plant some shade is a partnership initiative to aid long-term energy and natural resources conservation. The program is being funded by MidAmerican Energy and administered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry along with five local partners, including the Johnson County Extension Office, Polk County Conservation, Scott County Conservation Board, City of Waterloo Leisure Services, and the Webster County Conservation Board.

Plant some shade enables MidAmerican Energy's residential customers to purchase up to two, 3 to 8-foot landscaping trees for just \$25 each. Each project has a variety of trees available, and typically includes two to three shade trees, an ornamental, and a conifer.

"Encouraging residents to plant trees in their yard is an effective way to reduce energy costs and promote a healthy and aesthetically pleasing environment," said Rick Leuthauser, manager, energy efficiency, for MidAmerican Energy. "We're pleased to be funding *Plant some shade* and we hope many customers participate."

Fall projects will take place in Davenport, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, and Waterloo. Advanced orders for *Plant some shade* are required and orders will be accepted until all trees have been sold. Order forms are available online at www.midamericanenergy.com/plantsomeshade

“This is a wonderful opportunity for homeowners to get a quality tree at an affordable price,” said Matt Brewer, forestry volunteer coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry. “Fall is an ideal time to plant and establish new trees, too. The season’s warm days and cool nights are prime for root growth.”

For more information, contact Brewer at 515-242-6892.

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